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For: Water-Soluble, Sulfoalkyl-Containing, Hydrophobically

Modified Cellulose Ethers, Processes For Preparing Them,

And Their Use In Emulsion Paints

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee for the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 3, delete "Description".

Page 1, lines 5-6, capitalize the title of the invention: -- WATER-SOLUBLE, SULFOALKYL-CONTAINING, HYDROPHOBICALLY MODIFIED CELLULOSE ETHERS, PROCESS FOR PREPARING THEM, AND THEIR USE IN EMULSION PAINTS --.

Page 1, line 7, insert the following paragraph:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/427,351, filed October 26, 1999.--